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Dear Park Friend:

The National Park Service (NPS) will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2016. President Bush has challenged the NPS and the American people to work together over the next 10 years to strengthen the parks and prepare them for another century of conservation, preservation and public enjoyment.

This initiative was conceived to fully prepare us for the upcoming NPS centennial in 2016, but more importantly, it will help assure national parks will remain healthy and functional far into the future, for our grandchildren, their children and beyond. We want to make certain your interests, input and expectations are considered as the NPS continues to protect these enduring natural and cultural resources.

In this new initiative we can revisit the foundation of the environmental movement that gave us the first national parks in the Organic Act of 1916 and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) that established most parks and preserves in Alaska in 1980. Drawing a connection from that old guard to a new generation of park champions might help us better connect to a new generation of park users. Attitudes towards parks have no doubt changed in Alaska since 1980 and I would like to capture and draw attention to some of these attitudinal changes to enhance our understanding of visitors to Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. I want to encourage area residents, new park advocates, Native Alaskans and organizations to share with us their appreciation, desires and disappointments of national parks. It is only through this ongoing dialogue that this most special connection between humans and their true natural environment will continue.

The NPS-Alaska Centennial meetings will be held at the following times and dates:

Wednesday, March 14, 7-9 p.m. at the Anchorage Alaska Public Lands Information Center, 604 W. 4th Avenue.

Monday, March 19, 7-9 p.m. Denali National Park, Murie Science and Learning Center.

Tuesday, March 20, 4-6 p.m. Wrangell-St. Elias NP Headquarters, Mile 106.8 Richardson Highway.

Tuesday, March 20, 7-9 p.m. Fairbanks Alaska Public Lands Information Center, 250 Cushman Street. Superintendents from Yukon-Charley Rivers, Gates of the Arctic, Noatak National Preserve, Cape Krusenstern National Monument and Kobuk Valley National Park, and Bering Land Bridge National Preserve will attend.

Suggestions may also be shared on-line by using the Centennial link at www.nps.gov. The notice of these public meetings is very short and for that I apologize. Please be assured you are welcome anytime to call or write us at Lake Clark National Park and Preserve at the address above.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JLH', is written over a horizontal line.

Joel L. Hard
Superintendent